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FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON GOC'S NEW VAROSHA
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THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS TODAY MADE A NEW PROPOSAL LOOKING
TO THE EARLY RESUMPTION OF CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIA-
TIONS UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

LIKE THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSAL OF LAST WEEK, THE GREEK
CYPRIOT PROPOSAL RELATES INITIALLY TO THE RETURN OF GREEK

CYPRIOT REFUGEES TO THE IMPORTANT CITY OF FAMAGUSTA (VAROSHA). UNDER THE PROPOSAL, ALL TURKISH TROOPS WOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE CITY, WHICH WOULD BE PLACED UNDER THE SECURITY CONTROL OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR A PERIOD OF TIME, AND THE INHABITANTS OF THE CITY WOULD BE PERMITTED TO RETURN.

THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE INDICATED THAT ONCE THE INHABITANTS BEGIN RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES, IT WOULD IMMEDIATELY BE

READY TO RESUME UN-SPONSORED NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS.

WE WELCOME THIS PROPOSAL AS A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT. ALTHOUGH THE GREEK CYPRIOT PROPOSAL APPEARS TO DIFFER IN CERTAIN RESPECTS FROM THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSAL OF JULY 20, WE BELIEVE THAT A SOLID BASIS NOW EXISTS FOR DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE IMPORTANT HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM RELATING TO VAROSHA, AND THEREAFTER FOR RESUMING THE CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

THE TWO PROPOSALS ON VAROSHA BUTTRESS OUR HOPE THAT THE TWO SIDES ARE NOW WILLING TO NEGOTIATE IN EARNEST. WE URGE THAT THE PROPOSALS BE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BY THE PARTIES AND THAT, WITH THE HELP OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE INHABITANTS OF VAROSHA WILL BE PERMITTED TO

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RETURN TO THEIR CITY AND THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE RESUMED. END TEXT VANCE

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